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Friday nite [sic]

[September 10, 1943]

Dear Lee,

I've started school! Ugh! Bah! Humbug! All my teachers except one are women, and all except two are new to A. I. Up to date all we have been doing is making schedules, changing them, and changing them back again. Of course we had the grand opening assembly where Mr. Howie told us not to chew gum, not to run in the halls and to mind your mommy!

Lee, please send me another insignia, [next line is not legible, most likely the insignia for Thunderbird Field.]

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My schedule is: Gym, English, History, Music, Plane Geometry, and French. Whew! Tissie is taking the same, except with Physics.

Sports have not been decided at A. I. yet. Brown has scheduled seven games and A. I. and High School are having teams. I'm not sure about Conrad.

Walt comes back from football camp tomorrow.

Last night Tis and I marched in the Third War Loan parade in full A. W. V. I uniform. It sure was a shindig. The 198th marched and the Aberdeen band played. After the parade there were speeches, which no one listened to, so we all went and got cokes. 15,000 people watched and over 1,000 marched in the parade.

Shirley and Ben are out doing the town again tonight. Mom and I are sitting home sewing.

Walt's birthday is on Tuesday. He'll be sixteen. Yip-eee! Now we can ditch the curfew. He also starts school then. What

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an occassion [sic].

Peter Dunlap, Jane's big bro, is home after a trip to Alaska and the Elutians. He is with the Army Air Corps Ground Crew, and very tall and well built. Jane is in Connecticut with Meredith. She is coming home soon.

Well, I suppose, I better stop.

Lots of Love,

Bernice

P. S. I snitched some of Shummy's paper. Don't tell her, please!

B. M.

[side note is not legible.]